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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert A. Luciano, Jr. *et al.* **Examiner:** Hsu, Ryan
Application No.: 10/750,275 **Group Art Unit:** 3714
Filing Date: December 30, 2003 **Confirmation No.** 9180
Office Action Date: March 7, 2007 **Docket No.** 83336.0989
Title: VOUCHER GAMING SYSTEM AND METHOD **Customer No.** 66880

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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is timely filed in response to the final Office Action mailed March 7, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 9-11, 13, 15-18, 20, 23, 24, 29, 30, 33, 36, 39-41, 43, 45, and 46 are pending in the present application. Applicants submit that claims 15-16, 23-24, and 43 were omitted from the listing of pending claims at pages 1 and 2 of the Office Action as an oversight. Claims 1, 13, 15-18, 20, 23, 24, 30, 33, 36, 41, 44, and 45 have been amended. Claims 4-7, 8, 12, 14, 19, 25-28, 31, 34, 35, 37, and 44 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 3, 9-11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 29, 30, 33, 39-41, 45, and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilms (U.S. Pat. No. 5,277,424) in view of Congello, Jr. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,296,569), in view of Rowe *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,682,421), and further in view of Walker *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,012,983). Claims 15-16, 23-24, 36, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilms in view of Congello, in view of Rowe, in view of Walker, and further in view of Skratulia (U.S. Pat. No. 5,690,335).